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EXDIS FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG, NI, PFOR

SUBJECT: BRITISH SUPPORT FOR NIGERIAN MEDIATION

1. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
FROM THE SECRETARY TO BRITISH MINFORAFFAIRS OWEN
PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM LUSAKA FOR SALISBURY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT OWEN WILL MEET WITH NIGERIAN
COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA IN LAGOS ON
APRIL 17. WHILE PRIMARY PURPOSE THESE TALKS WILL
OBVIOUSLY BE CURRENT BRITISH INITIATIVE IN SOUTHERN
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AFRICA, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF OWEN COULD
RAISE SUBJECT OF NIGERIAN MEDIATION EFFORT IN ZAIRIAN-
ANGOLAN AFFAIR. NIGERIANS HAVE MADE GOOD START IN
INITIAL CONTACTS WITH ZAIRIANS AND ANGOLANS BUT
OBVIOUSLY ARE STILL LONG WAY FROM OBTAINING ANY CONCRETE
RESULTS. DESPITE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED, USG BELIEVES
NIGERIAN LEADERSHIP OFFERS POSSIBILITY FOR SIGNIFICANT

CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENTS IN CENTRAL AFRICA. WE HOPE
OWEN WILL AGREE THAT NIGERIAN MEDIATION EFFORT IS
CONSTRUCTIVE AND WILL PUT IN BRITISH PLUG TO ENCOURAGE
NIGERIANS TO PURSUE THEIR INITIATIVE ENERGETICALLY.

3. PLEASE CONFIRM TO DEPARTMENT AND INFO ADDRESSEES THAT
OWEN RECEIVED MESSAGE AND REPORT HIS REACTION TO OUR
SUGGESTION.
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